III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) A method of effectively treating pain in humans or other mammals, comprising administering to a patient a dosage form comprising an analgesic combination consisting essentially of nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~such that the dosing interval of the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof overlaps with the dosing interval of the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~.

39. (currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the dosage form is ~~nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof are~~ administered orally.

40-45. (cancelled)

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is present in an amount from about 2.5 mg to about 800 mg.

47. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the ratio of oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is from about 0.0001:1 to about 1:1.

48. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the oxycodone is present in the pharmaceutically acceptable salt form.

49. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the dosage form further comprises a sustained release carrier which provides a sustained release of the oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

50. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the dosage form further comprises a sustained release carrier which provides a sustained release of the nabumetone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and oxycodone and/or at least one pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.